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COUNTY OF ERIE

CHRIS COLLINS

COUNTY EXECUTIVE

March 10, 2011

The Honorable
Erie County Legislature
92 Franklin Street – Fourth Floor
Buffalo, New York 14202

RE: CPS/ECC Law Enforcement Training Academy

Honorable Members:

The attached resolution requests authorization for the County Executive to enter into an agreement with Erie Community College to continue the partnership between Erie Community College and the Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy.

The functions of the Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy were transferred to Erie Community College by agreement in 2007 and this resolution covers subsequent agreements to continue the partnership.

Should your honorable body require further information, I encourage you to contact the Department of Central Police Services. Thank you for your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,

CHRIS COLLINS
Erie County Executive

MEMORANDUM

To: Honorable Members of the Erie County Legislature
From: Department of Central Police Services
Re: CPS/ECC Law Enforcement Training Academy
Date: March 10, 2011

SUMMARY

The attached resolution requests authorization from your Honorable Body for the County Executive to enter into agreements with Erie Community College to continue the partnership between Erie Community College and the Law Enforcement Training Academy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of Central Police Services budget will include an annual allocation not to exceed \$200,000 to account for the County's cost associated with this program.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

The Joint Advisory Committee of the Law Enforcement Training Academy endorses the partnership agreement. The Joint Advisory Committee is comprised of a designee of the Erie County Association of Chiefs of Police, City of Buffalo Police, the President of Erie Community College, the Erie County Sheriff, the Commissioner of Central Police Services, a representative of the Central Police Services Board of Trustees and the Director of the Law Enforcement Training Academy.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy relocated in 2003 onto the grounds of Erie Community College North in an effort to facilitate an educational partnership with Erie Community College to take advantage of the resources available in an academic setting. Additionally, it entitles Erie Community College to receive FTE (Full Time Equivalent) of approximate \$2,750.00 for each police department candidate.

A formal three year agreement to transfer all personnel and operations of the Academy to Erie Community College was finalized effective in 2007. The partnership has proven to be highly successful and the County, Erie Community College and the Joint Advisory Committee all wish to continue the agreement.

CONSEQUENCES OF NEGATIVE ACTION

Failure to approve this item would result in a negative impact on basic police training, in-service training and pre-credentialing training for all the police agencies in Erie County, including the Erie County Sheriff's Department, the City of Buffalo Police Department, as well as all the other city, town and village police agencies within Erie County.

STEPS FOLLOWING APPROVAL

Future agreements will be signed on behalf of the County and the College to continue the working partnership.

A RESOLUTION SUBMITTED BY:
DEPARTMENT OF CENTRAL POLICE SERVICES

RE: CPS/ECC Law Enforcement
Training Academy

WHEREAS, in 2003 the Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training Academy relocated onto the grounds of Erie Community College North in an effort to facilitate an educational partnership with Erie Community College and take advantage of the resources available in an academic setting; and

WHEREAS, an agreement to transfer all personnel and operations to Erie Community College was finalized effective 01/01/2007 (Reference Comm. 3E-18, 2007); and

WHEREAS, the Joint Advisory Committee of the Law Enforcement Training Academy wishes to continue the partnership.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that authorization is hereby provided for the County Executive to enter into subsequent agreements effective 01/01/2010 to continue the partnership and transfer all the Central Police Services Law Enforcement Training functions to Erie Community College; and be it further

RESOLVED, in consideration of this transfer, the County agrees to provide annual payments to Erie Community College in an amount not to exceed \$200,000 per year, in exchange for which Erie Community College agrees to provide the level of law enforcement training articulated in the agreement between the County and the College; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Department of Central Police Services budget request shall reflect an allocation not to exceed \$200,000 per year beginning in 2010 onward from account #516020 – Professional Services Contracts and Fees to fund the County's costs associated with this program; and be it further

RESOLVED, that certified copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Erie County Executive, the Director of Budget and Management, the Office of the Comptroller, the County Attorney, Erie Community College and the Department of Central Police Services in care of Kathleen Gumulak, 45 Elm Street, Buffalo, New York 14203.